GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4448
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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO EX SERVICEMEN
PUNNULAL MOHALE;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from Ex-servicemen leagues/Ex-servicemen Welfare Associations regarding improvement of medical facilities to Ex-servicemen and their families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the dependent children of ex-servicemen are not authorised for OPD treatment in Military Hospitals and Ex-servicemen do not get treatment for major diseases viz. renel region, heart, cancer, TB etc.;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which representation of the Ex-servicemen League/Association would be considered and disparity in medical facilities available to the Jawans and Officers of the three Wings of Armed Forces would be removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): A number of representations are received from ex-servicemen associations for improvement of medical facilities available to ex-servicemen and their families.

(c) & (d): As per the orders, dependent children of eligible Ex-servicemen are authorized OPD as well as in-patient treatment in services hospitals. The scope of medical treatment admissible to Ex-services pensioners and their families in services hospitals does not include treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Mental diseases, Malignant diseases or any other disease for which treatment is not ordinarily available from local military sources.

(e) A scheme to provide medical facilities to Ex-servicemen and their dependents has been proposed by the Armed Forces Headquarters. The scheme is being processed.